

Application No.: 09/270141

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REMARKS

Upon entry of this paper, claim 19 has amended. Claims 1-2, 5, 8-12, 14-17, 19-20, 22-23, 38-44 and 53-58 are now pending, of which claims 1, 9, 14, 17, 20, 38, 43 and 55 are independent.

Claim Objections

Claim 19 has been amended to correct the dependency issue noted by the Examiner. Claim 19 is now dependent upon claim 17 rather than cancelled claim 18.

Notice of Allowed Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the notice of allowed claims 1, 2, 5-17 and 19-44 in the Office Action Summary. However, Applicant's records indicate that claims 1-2, 5, 8-12, 14-17, 19-20, 22-23, 38-44 and 53-58 are now pending. Applicant's records indicate that claims 3-4, 6-7, 13, 18, 21, 35-37 and 45-52 have previously been cancelled, claims 30-34 were previously withdrawn in response to a restriction requirement, and that claims 53-58 were previously added (in the Amendment dated 4/5/04). Applicant submits that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance for the same reasons as those claims listed in the Office Action Summary.

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Conclusion

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SMQ-011 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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